

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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ARTHRITIS EMPLOYING THE CB10 PEPTIDE OF MAMMALIAN TYPE II

COLLAGEN AS AN ANTIGEN

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. With this response, applicants have filed concomitantly a "Petition for Extension of Time," whereby this response timely.

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